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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 April 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

Lehman called attention to a column in yesterday's Washington Post which announced that Senator Milton Young (R., N.D.) will retire at the end of this year. Lehman noted the Senator has been a good friend of intelligence and the Agency over the years and that perhaps an expression of gratitude from the Agency is in order. Hitz concurred and, noting the Senator had on several occasions expressed his desire for a luncheon visit at the Agency, said this would be an appropriate way to convey our appreciation. With Mr. Carlucci's approval, Hitz said he will arrange. []

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Mr. Carlucci briefly reviewed with [] the purpose of the Director and [] meeting today with OMB Director McIntyre re budget amendment request. They reviewed the strategy for the meeting and implications of the amendment on such key factors as covert action and the Reserve. []

Clarke reported he would be lunching today with Rear Admiral Shapiro at the latter's request. Clarke opined that Shapiro will be seeking his agreement for postponing NIE 11-15/7, Soviet Naval Readiness, from the agenda of the 8 April NFIB meeting. Mr. Carlucci said he was already aware of this from discussion with Rear Admiral Kelln, Deputy Director, DIA, on 4 April and had agreed to seek postponement. Clarke opined further that Shapiro's real concern at the moment has less to do with the quality of NIE 11-15/7 than with the potential for resource decrements which could result in the Navy program. Clarke said he would advise Mr. Carlucci on the outcome of his discussion with Shapiro. [] noted the Director asked that a briefing on the Soviet brigade situation in Cuba since October 1979 be added to the NFIB agenda, which also includes discussion on the []

Mr. Carlucci briefly discussed with Hetu and attendees the merit of O/PA drafting a speech which might be given by himself or the Director addressing problems created for intelligence by inaccurate and capricious reporting by the news media on intelligence matters. Mr. Carlucci expressed his particular frustrations regarding recent articles by George Lardner of the Washington Post. It was generally agreed such a speech would be a nonstarter, though it was suggested the point might be made opportunely whenever the Director or Deputy Director appear on public television.

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